SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Sir, I think, the hon. Member has not referred to an advisory panel, but he is referring specifically to a committee which is the Advisory Committee on Synergy in Energy headed by Dr. V. Krishnamurthy. The date of 16th May has been provisionally given as the target date for submission of the Report.

But, from the beginning, I have been stressing that the Committee must be given all the time that it requires and, possibly, it will require a little more time to submit its report. The Prime Minister has certainly referred to the importance of restructuring our oil sector companies. But he has not made any specific suggestion as to how this have to be done. I imagine that what we will be doing is receiving the report of the Krishnamurthy Committee, studying it very carefully in the Government and then taking our proposals further forward.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Permission for unmanned aircrafts to fly over civilian air space

*544. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unmanned spy aircrafts are being allowed to fly over civilian air space;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether incidents of air crashes are likely to increase as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) used by Indian Air Force (IAF) for reconnaissance and surveillance are allowed to fly as per the stipulated regulations of IAF and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). UAVs adhere to all rules and regulations like any other military aircraft.

(c) Flying of UAVs is not likely to increase the incidents of air crashes.

* Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.